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REMARKS

Claims 21-77 remain pending in the patent application.

The paragraph bridging pages 9-10 is amended to make clear that once the specific base has been attached to a bead it is dropped or placed in a device 842 which transports the beads back into the main bin 830 for resorting by the machine 832.

Figure 5 is amended to substitute the reference label "201" with the reference label --203--.

In response to the provisional double patenting rejections, it is respectfully submitted that one or more terminal disclaimers will be filed in order to obviate the same. Per a phone conversation between the Examiner and G. DePardo, it was agreed that the 4 cases involved in the double patenting rejection would be issued in the following order:

Serial no. 10/661,082 (CV 40, no terminal disclaimer),

Serial no. 10/661,031 (CV 39A, one terminal disclaimer),

Serial no. 10/661,254 (CV 43, two terminal disclaimers), and

Serial no. 10/763,995 (CV 54, three terminal disclaimers).

In view of this, two terminal disclaimers will be submitted once the first two cases issue.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, Applicant's counsel can be reached at 203-626-3331 (direct dial) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or by E-mail at gdepardo@cyvera.com.

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